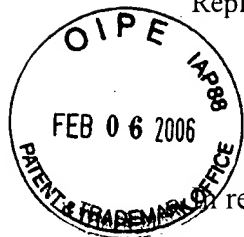


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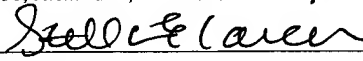


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the non-final Office Action mailed on the date of November 2, 2005. In view of the following Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and request allowance of the claims in this Application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application in accordance with the following:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page two (2) of this paper

Listing of Claims beginning on page five (5) of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments beginning on page ten (10) of this paper; and

Appendix provided after this Amendment that includes four submissions.